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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shigenori Ohta, et al.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)
(National Phase of PCT Application)
No. PCT/JP00/08391 filed Nov. 29, 2000)) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: Currently herewith)
For: METHOD OF ENHANCING)
SALTY TASTE, SALTY TASTE)
ENHANCER, SALTY TASTE)
SEASONING AGENT AND)
SALTY) July 25, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 7, 14, 21-24, and 40-42, to read as follows. A
marked-up copy of Claims 7, 14, 21-24, and 40-42, showing the changes made thereto, is
attached.

7. (Amended) The method according to any of claims 1 to 3, which further
comprises adding succinic acid.